

It is hard to believe, but this story gets worse. As these two police officers were in the hospital fighting for their lives, protestors stood outside, blocking ambulance entrances and chanting: "We hope they die."

What has become of American cities? When did this behavior become acceptable or even fathomable?

This ambush demonstrates total disregard for human life. It is an affront to American values.

Thankfully, by the grace of God and the skill of first responders and trauma medical teams, these brave police officers are expected to recover from their injuries. We are fortunate that they are on the mend, and my prayers are with them on their road to recovery.

Frankly, this time, we truly were fortunate. This time, we expect that a mother will return home to her family. We expect that a young police officer will return to his normal life.

Indeed, this time, we are fortunate. But what about the next time? Will we let this happen again?

Mr. Speaker, as a Nation, we cannot allow this malicious and wicked behavior to continue. We cannot stand by as police officers are shot at pointblank range. We cannot stand by while protestors scream "We hope they die" at critically injured public servants. We must restore law and order to all American cities.

In this Chamber, we should dispense with the Democrats' political games and enact commonsense, bipartisan solutions such as the JUSTICE Act, which was introduced by Senator TIM SCOTT and Congressman PETE STAUBER, to increase police transparency and accountability while supporting our law enforcement community and equipping them with the resources that they need to safely protect our communities.

We cannot stand on the sidelines and leave our law enforcement officers vulnerable to attacks. This is not the time to turn our backs on the police; this is not the time to dismantle the police; and this is definitely not the time to defund the police. We must protect the American people; we must restore law and order; and we must back the blue.

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LAW AND ORDER IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my wholehearted support for our Nation's law enforcement community. Members of this very Congress have called to defund the police, and when they say "defund police," they mean it literally. They want to strip away support for the officers who keep our communities safe.

Our men and women in blue deserve the utmost respect as they put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve their communities. We wit-

ness now, more than ever, just how dangerous this job is.

We are a nation of law and order, and that is why I will always back the blue.

PRESIDENT TRUMP SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps to thank President Trump and his administration for all the outstanding work he has done for our veterans and the members of the military. During a time when our country has needed it most, President Trump has shown robust support for our brave men and women in uniform.

Our Armed Forces serve our Nation with honor, and it is our duty to provide them with the resources they need to keep Americans safe. We are building our military and making sure it comes to be the strongest force in the world.

TRUCK DRIVERS APPRECIATION WEEK

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Truck Drivers Appreciation Week.

As a Representative from the "Crossroads of America," I know firsthand just how important truck drivers are to our community and to our Indiana economy. Over 80 percent of Hoosiers depend on the trucking industry to keep their businesses moving.

As a businessman, I understand the important role trucking plays in the American economy, and it is my hope that Truck Drivers Appreciation Week brings attention to driver safety and financial support for this working community.

RICHARD G. LUGAR POST OFFICE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3105, a bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located in Indianapolis as the Richard G. Lugar Post Office.

Senator Lugar was a true statesman who led a life of honor and service to Indiana and this country. As mayor of Indianapolis, Dick Lugar's vision transformed our State's capital city. As an Indiana Senator, he left a lasting legacy on domestic and global affairs.

The Hoosier State is greater and our Nation is stronger because of Richard G. Lugar. I am proud and humbled to stand with my colleagues to honor the life of this great Hoosier.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO I-70

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to important and positive news regarding infrastructure in the Hoosier State.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is awarding a grant of \$22.5 million to the Indiana Department of Transportation to improve the infrastructure on I-70.

Hoosiers deserve the best infrastructure, and that means making sure our interstates are as safe and efficient as possible. I hear from constituents frequently about I-70, and I am glad to announce a huge improvement is heading toward the Sixth District.

Thank you to the Trump administration for continuing to be committed to

improving the infrastructure of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING HOOSIER FARMERS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the amazing Hoosier agricultural community.

Farmers across our Nation work hard each day ensuring our friends, family, and neighbors can put food on the table. This devoted community has recently been put to the test with COVID-19, and they have stood up to the challenge to keep America fed.

I recently had the privilege of holding a farmers roundtable in my district to hear directly from this community how I can better represent them in Congress. As Indiana's Sixth District Representative, I will always support Hoosier farmers and our ag and ethanol communities.

CONGRESS MUST GET BACK TO WORK

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress to get back to substantive work in our Nation's Capital.

The definition of Congress is "a national legislative body, especially that of the United States, which meets at the Capitol in Washington, D.C."

Last week, I was the only one to physically attend a Transportation Committee hearing on rail workers affected by COVID-19.

I believe the proper way for Congress to represent our constituents is in person in our Nation's Capital. It is imperative we simply get back to work for our constituents.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the morning temperatures cool here at the Capitol, and schools throughout the country open to various configurations, we know the season is changing, yet the challenges confronting our Nation remain. The weather in the West especially belies the normal and further gives notice that much needs to be done.

Bless the Members of the people's House with wisdom and goodwill, that they might address these many challenges with due care and diligence, and the stress confronting so many of our families and businesses might be eased.